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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroshi SHIRAKAWA, et al.

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AA (5,966,699) on Form PTO-1449:**

A computer system for conducting an electronic loan auction over a computer network such as the Internet.

**Reference AB (6,023,686) on Form PTO-1449:**

The invention presents a method for conducting an on-line bidding session to accumulate a collective bid for a property. The bidding session is conducted over a computer network that includes a central computer, a number of remote computers, and communication lines.

**Reference AC (6,098,051) on Form PTO-1449:**

A crossing network that matches buy and sell orders based upon a satisfaction and quantity profiles.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
/TH/	AA	5,966,699	10/12/99	Richard Zandi			
/TH/	AB	6,023,686	2/8/00	Stephen J. Brown			
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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